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Mr. Edmond J. Thomas
Chief, Office of Engineering and Technology
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

It has come to my attention that footnote US269 has been deleted in its entirety from the Commission's Rules in a recent proceeding¹. Before this proceeding, US269 read as follows:

US269 In the band 2500-2690 MHz, applicants for space station assignments are urged to take all practicable steps to protect radio astronomy observations in the adjacent band, 2690-2700 MHz, from harmful interference. Further, all applicants are urged to coordinate their proposed system through the Electromagnetic Management Unit, National Science Foundation, Washington, D.C. 20550, prior to system development

In this proceeding, the fixed-satellite service and broadcasting-satellite service allocations were deleted from the band 2655-2690 MHz. Based on this deletion, the reference to "space station assignments" needed to be removed from US269. Instead of modifying US269 to reflect this change, the entire footnote was inadvertently deleted. My review finds that footnote US269 should be reinstated and revised to read as follows

US269 In the band 2655-2690 MHz, radio astronomy observations are performed at the locations listed in US311. Licensees are urged to coordinate their systems through the Electromagnetic Spectrum Management Unit, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, Room 1030, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230.

I believe that this action is necessary in order to alert the public as to the locations of radio astronomy observatories that observe in the band 2655-2690 MHz on a secondary basis and to provide contact information so that reasonable steps can be taken to protect these observatories from harmful interference.

I request that you take the necessary actions to modify the United States Table of Frequency Allocations. If you have any questions regarding this subject, the NTIA point-of-contact is Edward M. Davison (edavison@ntia.doc.gov; 202-482-5526).

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Sincerely,

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¹ See Amendment Of Parts 2, 25, And 87 of the Commission's Rules to Implement Decisions from World Radiocommunication Conferences Concerning Frequency Bands Between 28 MHz And 36 GHz and to Otherwise Update the Rules in this Frequency Range, Report and Order, FCC 03-269 (Nov. 4, 2003)